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# Inter-Island Happenings

HILO, December 5.—From dear, old London town to faraway Hilo city comes a dainty inspiration of an energetic little woman who is preaching the doctrine of woman suffrage.

Mrs. E. J. Howard is the last person in the world you would take for a militant suffragette. She is not going to call a mass meeting in Hilo and make all the women folks take the management of affairs, but if anybody wishes to know anything about the real insides of equal suffrage, no doubt Mrs. Howard will inform them.

The little "woman's rights" champion arrived in Honolulu last October and soon came to Hilo where she and her husband (they married on December 22) have rather been inclined to hide their light under a bushel. It was quite by accident that it was learned that Mrs. Howard is no less a personage than Elsa Cross Thomas whose name appeared in London papers not so many months ago as an active suffragette, about the time London was very much excited over the work of the women for equal suffrage. Mr. E. J. Howard is station agent at Hakalau. Elsa Cross Thomas enjoys the distinction of once having interrupted a speech by Premier Asquith, though she doesn't boast of it.

### New Building.

Hilo will soon be able to rejoice in an addition reinforced concrete block. It will be erected on Front street, opposite Moohau Park, on the lot which Judge Wise bought from the government at auction last year, with the condition that a concrete structure must be erected thereon.

The building will have a frontage of 109 feet on Front street, and will be shaped somewhat like a lozenge, the corner angles departing from the right angle. The structure will have a depth of sixty feet, and will be two stories in height, with a basement. The finish of the building will be somewhat like that of the Hackfeld building, while the design is to be on the Doric style. The roof will be of corrugated iron sloping back from the facade. The lower floor will be divided into four stores, each having a twenty-six and a half feet frontage, the remaining frontage being taken by the stairway leading to the second story, where there will be offices.

The cost of the main building will probably be something like twenty-five thousand dollars. The main store therein, that in the Hamakua corner, will be occupied by Hata, who will locate his retail business therein, using his present store on Volcano street for wholesale business only.

### Costly Road Work.

One of the most scorching reports ever presented the supervisors was turned in at last meeting of the board by the special committee consisting of Supervisors Lyman, Austin and Purdy, appointed to visit the Kau Volcano road to ascertain the doings and workings of the prisoners and cost of construction, and to make recommendations. The committee was accompanied by County Engineer Southworth and Belt Road Engineer Bishop, the latter being specially invited. The committee finds:

That the progress of the work has been unreasonably slow, and continuing the manner of construction this section of road—4.13 miles—can not be completed before the latter part of 1915.

The cost—extravagant and unwarranted, requiring an expenditure on the part of the county alone to complete the whole section of \$34,666, while if we include the sum of \$35,665 that will have been spent by the

Territory, the total cost will be \$70,331, or \$16,242 per mile, which exceeds the \$16,000 per mile road proposed by the Oahu belt road commissioners.

### Rapid Telephone Change.

When the Hilo Telephone Company last Saturday evening abandoned its old stand on Wainuenue street and began using its new quarters and switchboard on King street, there were no subscribers who were aware of the fact. The change was made at 7 p. m., and so quickly and carefully was it made that there was not a single call neglected or even delayed. Superintendent Stone was at his post at the new switchboard, while his assistant, Mr. Smith, was ready at the old board. At a certain time Smith ripped up the heat coils, which had previously been tied with string. This placed the old board out of business, and at the same time the new one took up the work.

### An Appreciative Visitor.

W. C. McClure, a capitalist of Cleveland, Ohio, became so entranced with the volcano sight and so at home at the Volcano House that he prolonged his stay from two days to a week, then to two weeks. He believes the Volcano House should be more popular than any of the European mountain or beach resorts. He intends studying business and building opportunities in these islands to a considerable extent, always having an eye open for investment. He is one of the promoters of a new skyscraper for the city of Milwaukee.

### Quotes Ray Stannard Baker.

The Kaiwika settlers last week fired their last shot in the present battle between them and the commissioner, when they fled, through their attorney, Harry Irwin, the reply brief, answering the points raised by Deputy Attorney General Smith in his briefs in the cases of Alfred Rennie Henderson and of Manuel N. de Souza. The reply brief is a strenuous one at points, an interesting feature thereof being a reference to the famous Ray Stannard Baker article which appeared in the American Magazine of December.

### Scots Have Dance.

The Scotchmen of the town closed the old year in style by giving one of the best dances Hilo has enjoyed for many a day. The Scots are experts when it comes to making arrangements in the dancing line, and they had things just as they wanted them. So every one enjoyed himself. The music was excellent and the refreshments left nothing to be desired, while the decorations of the Masonic hall, where the event took place, were very pretty.

### Robert Horner Defendant.

The Kukiaua Plantation Co. files suit against Robert Horner for the purpose of compelling him to account for his management of the Kukiaua ranch. Attorney Carl S. Carlsmith represents plaintiff and says the suit has for some time been contemplated. The bill seeks to get Horner to account for alleged private transactions and to give up profits said to have been received.

### Bowling Party.

WAILUKU, December 6.—Mr. and Mrs. Dodge and Mr. William E. Engle gave a bowling party at the gymnasium on Thursday evening in honor of Miss Dora B. Engle, who is spending her vacation on Maui. There were present A. R. Wadsworth, Edith L. Baldwin, Harold Baldwin, Ernest Baldwin, Herbert Baldwin, Garnie E. Rosecrans, David S. Wadsworth, Elsa Meinecke, Cleo Case and Olive Lindsay, all Punahou students home for

their Christmas vacation. After spending two pleasant hours at the gymnasium the young people had refreshments at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dodge.

### Hana Items.

D. P. Kaeo, while fishing at Hana had his hand blown off at the wrist. He is a very prominent young Hawaiian, and is an expert fisherman, but of course quick work and return is what has been the undoing of a lot of our men in this line along the Hana coast.

Mr. Biela of Hana, now chemist and sugar boiler of the Kaeleku Sugar Co., goes to Honolulu by this S. S. Kinau to be married to Mrs. Marie Scott, formerly of Hilo. They will be married at the Central Union church, Wednesday evening, by Rev. Dr. Scudder.

### Welcoming New Year.

When the New Year came in, the church bells at Lahaina were rung, the mill whistles were sounded, together with fire crackers galore and gun firing. During the evening two parties of serenaders made the rounds often receiving liberal compensation. On New Year's morning an Oriental band played at intervals, and the fish deity was invoked for blessings on Lahaina fisheries.

### Kohala and Hamakua.

KOHALA, December 5.—The two Japanese tried in Hilo in connection with the fatal stabbing case at Pauhaui are both out, having been found not guilty. The wounds of one are not better yet, and he is still in Hilo, but the other was out here the other day. Judging from his plump appearance, the stories going the round that Hilo prisoners are starved have not much foundation in fact.

The intruder who got in the Laupahoehoe Sugar Co.'s store was caught by Mr. Tait, the sanitary inspector and plantation police officer. The sleuth was put on the burglar's trail, and deserves great credit the way he caught him. The prisoner was examined at Laupahoehoe and committed to the grand jury.

William Alone, vice-principal of the Olua school and then of Kaiwika, is now employed as timekeeper at the Kaiwika Sugar Co., at Oohala. Mr. Alona attended St. Mary's school, Hilo, and from there went to the Normal school in Honolulu for a year where he graduated. He first taught at Oohala and from there went to Kaiwika, in Hilo, and is to be congratulated upon his new position at timekeeper at Oohala, the place of residence for which he always had a liking.

### New Rice Mill.

E. H. Akina has built a new rice mill at Niuli. He will discard his old mill in Pololu. He bought a twelve H. P. gasoline engine that belonged to the defunct Halawa Rice Corporation. All the rice is brought up from Pololu in the husk. It will be cleaned and polished at Niuli.

This will be Mr. Akina's last year in the rice industry, as he intends to plant sugar cane at Pololu. The new rice mill will be made into a theatre or social hall. So the picturesque rice fields that have been associated with beautiful Pololu Gulch will disappear, to give place to the no less picturesque cane fields.

## OPIUM IN CHINA UNDER THE BAN

Consul General S. S. Knabenshue at Tientsin, in an elaborate report on the commerce of northern China, says:

The imports of foreign opium for 1910 were only 2533 pounds of Malwa and 3200 pounds of Patna, or a total of 5733 pounds, all of which came in during the first half of the year, as against 20,566 pounds for 1909. The native-grown drug has almost disappeared from the imports of Tientsin, the total being only 117 pounds in 1910, as compared with 2664 pounds in 1909.

The culture of the opium poppy has been entirely suppressed in North China, through the energetic action of the Chinese authorities. There are constant attempts to smuggle the drug into the port, but the customs authorities have established a most rigorous examination of the clothing and baggage of all Chinese arriving from southern ports, and it is safe to say that the quantity which is successfully brought in is comparatively small.

The government regulations regarding opium smoking are very rigid and seem to be carefully enforced. Every opium smoker must take out a license and register his name and address with the officials of the Opium Prohibition Office—the Chin Yen Chu. He states the amount of the drug he consumes per day and obtains a license ticket allowing him to purchase that amount daily at a designated shop. He cannot purchase at any other shop. A record of his purchases is kept by the shopkeeper and a statement thereof sent monthly to the Opium Prohibition Office. If the amount purchased exceeds the allowance, both

seller and smoker are fined fifty times the value of the excess amount of opium.

### New Opium Law.

A new criminal code has been approved by imperial edict, and will come into operation at the next Chinese New Year, February 12, 1912. The ten provisions of this code relating to opium are summarized as follows:

1. Any person who manufactures opium, deals in it, stores it for later sale, or imports it from abroad, shall incur penalties of the third, the fourth, or the fifth grade.

The penalty of the third grade is imprisonment at hard labor for 3 to 5 years; that of the fourth grade is imprisonment at hard labor for 1 to 3 years, and that of the fifth grade is imprisonment at hard labor for 2 months to 1 year.

2. Any person who manufactures opium-smoking instruments, deals in them, stores them for later sale, or imports them from abroad, shall incur penalties of the fourth grade, or imprisonment at hard labor for a shorter period.

3. Customs officials or men connected with the service who import opium or instruments from abroad, or allow others to smuggle them, shall incur penalties of the third grade.

4. Any person who opens a den to accommodate opium smokers shall incur penalties of the fourth grade or below, and a maximum fine of \$127 (United States currency).

5. Any person who plants poppy for the manufacture of opium shall incur penalties of the fourth grade or lower, or a maximum fine of \$127.

6. Any person who is found smoking opium shall incur penalties of the fifth grade or lower, or a maximum fine of \$423.

7. Local authorities or members of the police who fail to accord due punishment to offenders against the above six regulations shall incur the same penalties as the offenders.

8. Any person who keeps opium-smoking instruments shall be fined \$42 or less.

9. Any person who attempts to violate any of the first six regulations shall incur the same penalties as if he had actually committed the violation.

10. Any person who violates any of the first seven regulations may, if the case requires, be deprived of a citizen's right, and if an official, may be cashiered.

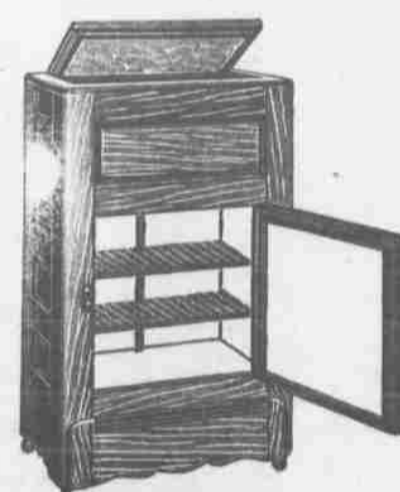
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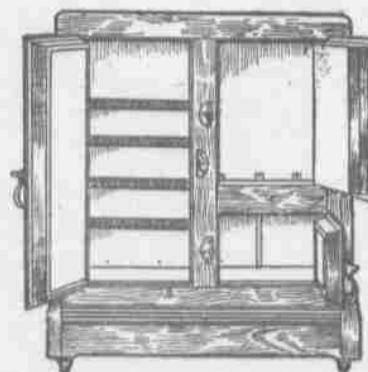
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### THE REASON.

Daisy—Why do people always wait until the New Year to make good resolutions?  
Dorothy—Because they are so busy then that they can easily forget to keep them, I suppose.